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SUBJECT:US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN BOLIVIA

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN BOLIVIA. A SEPARATE MES-
SAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE,
IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. ACCELERATED RETURN TO STABLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO MAINTAIN OR ACCELERATE ITS TIME-
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TABLE FOR A RETURN TO STABLE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.
KEEP IN MIND ALSO, AS BOLIVIA GOES THROUGH ITS DIFFICULT
TRANSITION TO CONSTITUTIONALITY, THE NATION'S DOMESTIC
POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS.

ENCOURAGE MORE EXCHANGES BETWEEN BOLIVIAN LEADERS AND
LEADERS OF THE US AND ALSO OF RECOGNIZED LATIN AMERICAN

DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, HOPEFULLY TO ENCOURAGE BOLIVIA'S
EMULATING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

II. IMPROVEMENT IN OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

INCLUDING AN END TO JAILING OR EXILING OF POLITICAL
OPPOSITION, MODERNIZATION OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CEASE THE PRACTICE OF JAILING AND
EXILING MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND ENCOURAGE
THE RELEASE OF THOSE STILL IMPRISONED AS WELL AS INVITE
THOSE ALREADY EXILED TO RETURN HOME.

ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE A FREE PRESS IN BOLIVIA THROUGH
APPROPRIATE USIS AND EMBASSY PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS.

URGE THE GOB TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTROL INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS AND UNITS OF ITS POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES IN
THEIR TREATMENT OF BOTH BOLIVIAN CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS,
IN PARTICULAR US CITIZENS.

SUGGEST THAT THE GOB EMBARK ON A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
TO IMPROVE ITS JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

SEEK TO PERSUADE THE GOB TO LIFT CURRENT RESTRICTIONS
ON POLITICAL AND ORGANIZED LABOR ACTIVITY.

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III. IMPROVED COOPERATION ON DRUG INTERDICTION, COCA CROP SUBSTITUTION

REMIND THE GOB OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO A
VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TO COMBAT ILLICIT NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING. ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS
IN THIS AREA WITH EMPHASIS ON MAJOR TRAFFICKERS.

REMIND THE GOB THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE CROP
SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON FAVORABLE
RESULTS FROM BOTH THE SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM AND DRUG
INTERDICTION.

IV. STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WITH GREATER GOB EMPHASIS ON AID TO SUBSISTENCE SECTOR OF POPULACE.

ENCOURAGE CONTINUED BOLIVIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL AGREEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME
ASSURE THE GOB THAT THE US IS AMENABLE TO BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS ON TIN AND OTHER MINERALS PROBLEMS IN

GENERAL TERMS AND TO CONSULTING ON GSA STOCKPILE SALES
AND SALES POLICIES.

URGE THE GOB TO SHARPEN ITS FOCUS ON THE SUBSISTENCE
PORTION OF THE POPULATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EFFORTS WITH AN AIM OF WIDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTE-
GRATION. PROMOTE THE USE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
AID PROGRAMS TO THAT END.

ENCOURAGE BOLIVIA TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DEFINING
AND NEGOTIATING ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE ONGOING DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD, BASED
ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF LATIN
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AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.

V. STIMULATION OF CONTINUED FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENTAL USES
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, LOWERING OF REGIONAL TENSIONS.

ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONTINUE ITS DE-EMPHASIS ON ARMS
PURCHASES AND TO MAINTAIN ITS FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL
POSSIBILITIES OF BOLIVIAN MILITARY SALES.

DISCOURAGE GOB FROM PURSUING ARMS ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE
USSR AND OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES.

CONGRATULATE GOB ON ITS EFFORTS TO KEEP REGIONAL TENSIONS
AT A LOW LEVEL THROUGH ITS TRIPARTITE MILITARY CON-
SULTATIONS WITH CHILE AND PERU.

VI. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO BOLIVIAN
CORRIDOR ISSUE.

EXPRESS US INTEREST IN A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE
ISSUE OF A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE PACIFIC.

INFORM THE GOB THAT WE WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY STUDY
PROPOSALS FOR AID THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTI-
TUTIONS TO AN AGREED UPON CORRIDOR REGION.

ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT
POLICIES BY THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES.

VII. IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR PRISONERS, INCLUDING US
CITIZENS, IN BOLIVIAN JAILS, AND NEGOTIATION OF
EXCHANGE OF SANCTIONS TREATY.

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CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GOB FOR FAIR AND RAPID JUSTICE IN
ARREST CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS.

URGE COMPASSIONATE RELEASES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO
ARE ILL.

ENCOURAGE GOB PLANS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN DETENTION
FACILITIES.

ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONCLUDE AN EXCHANGE OF SANCTIONS
TREATY WITH THE US SIMILAR TO THOSE AGREED TO BY MEXICO
AND CANADA.

ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONCLUDE A CONSULAR TREATY WITH
THE US.

VIII. ADVANCEMENT OF MUTUAL INTERESTS, UNDERSTANDING
VIA CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

EXPEDITE AND PROMOTE A WIDE RANGE OF EXCHANGES IN THE
CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE
COMMON INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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